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Headlines: UN Resolution on Korea

Korea: Press front-pages UN Resolution on Korea. Conservative DE STANDAARD remarks composition of commission is not likely to satisfy Asiatics. Nevertheless political personality of North Korea is recognized and agreement may be possible in that direction, though main problem still concerns relations with Communist China and USSR. In another article DE STANDAARD states Korea will have to remain under control and Western influence for some time, even though this control will be resented as new form of colonialism and may encourage resistance. Problem will not be solved by new elections, which imply universal suffrage and Communist participation. India's aloofness is of capital importance; China will not accept European-US occupation of Korea, but if civil war with international background is to be avoided, UN will have to remain in Korea for years. Meanwhile Indochina may become new Korea. All this may be part of diabolical scheme of Soviets to create centers of conflict pending general attack. Conservative DE NIEUWE GIDS feels conflict in Korea may be continued for long time by guerilla warfare. Korean crisis has not so greatly decreased Russia's chance as some people believe; it has however caused shock in US which has allowed for rebirth of Japan and Germany as great nations and partners in anti-Russian coalition. Deploring UN's hesitant Korean policy of past fortnight, independent LA LANTERNE fears electoralism may [illegible] Americans or make them less objective in their approach to international problems. Paper suggests now is time for Europe to move to Britain's side and, together with certain Asian statesmen, prepare settlement for Southeast Asia. Communist LE DRAPEAU ROUGE states UN has become instrument in service of US banks and trusts.

Western Defense: President of Senate Paul Struye writes in conservative LA LIBRE BELGIQUE that rearmament must not become obsession; it is not end in itself, it is but means of saving peace. Western powers, confident of their increased force and solidarity, will better be able to pursue their conciliatory endeavors within framework of existing international institutions or by mediation of peoples who are not directly involved in ideological conflict between blocs. Liberal LA DERNIERE HEURE is concerned lest rearmament compromise results of Marshall Plan. Europe will henceforth import more and export less, and her dollar shortage will increase. One solution would be to increase Marshall credits but this is unlikely; it should rather be hoped US will intervene in European rearmament. This would be best way of avoiding aggravation in dollar shortage for which US has already made so many sacrifices. Under headline "Failure of Brussels Treaty" weekly LA RELEVE recalls Brussels Treaty at first aroused considerable enthusiasm and was calculated to be more than mere military alliance; however only on military plane has treaty had any effect, its social and economic objectives have been lost from view.

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Belgian Efforts in Western Defense: Conservative HET NIEUWS VAN DEN DAG feels

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government acted overhastily in announcing two-year military service; it should have examined problem first. Belgium should have same period of service as France and Holland. On other hand conservative DE STANDAARD remarks in opinion of technicians there is no sense in extending military service if it is not raised to two years from start; two-year service is necessary if Belgium is to fulfill her obligations. Conservative LA NATION BELGE criticizes Socialist anti-militarist campaign and warns against Communist maneuvers. Nothing could be more dangerous for country and for Socialists themselves than equivocal defense policy. Socialists combine their anti-militarism with deliberate electoral calculations. Brussels Socialists continue their debate on foreign policy. Left-wing Socialist Deputy Isabelle Blume criticized Brussels and Atlantic Pacts and asked Socialist Party to reserve its position vis-a-vis USSR until latter has proved whether it wants to build Socialism. Mme. Blume doesn't think Spaak has taken sufficient account of Vatican's role. She fears US economic domination of backward territories and states new Europe must not be subjected to US, though it is to be feared rearmament will greatly weaken Europe financially.

German Rearmament: Paris correspondent of conservative LA LIBRE BELGIQUE feels French do not believe war to be imminent and therefore do not agree with US on urgency of German rearmament. French view is psychologically and perhaps also politically defensible but in view of immense financial burden of French rearmament and her increasing dependence on US, it's doubtful if she will be able to make her viewpoint prevail. According to conservative DE NIEUWE GIDS, it is now apparent French were brutally pushed aside at Atlantic meeting; French have now begun diplomatic campaign to mollify Americans, but they no longer harp on German militarism. Stating there is danger of grave crisis in Franco-US relations, conservative DE STANDAARD asks if West is strong enough to defend West Germany against aggression while keeping population out of battle and while East German troops are ready to restore German unity.

Schuman Plan: Independent LE SOIR believes settlement may be reached in Schuman Plan negotiations by formula determining countries' representation in High Authority along lines of proportional representation, and also by adopting statute allowing for inclusion of workers' and employers' organization. No more time must be lost. German enthusiasm has already waned since rearmament, and Big Three agreement holds out new economic prospects. Leadership of continent, between French who could not and British who would not assume it, might well fall into German hands. According to conservative HET NIEUWS VAN DEN DAG, Margate debate on Schuman Plan showed British Labor is against federation because it fears European nations would impose liberal economic course; this proves obstacles to European unification lie in divergent social and economic ideas.

Spain: Under headline "Spain Will Become Part of Atlantic Pact" press front-pages agency release stating arrangement will be made with Spain similar to arrangement with Turkey and Greece. Conservative HET NIEUWS VAN DEN DAG regrets that within framework of Atlantic defense it has been decided to accept Tito's aid but not Spain's. Franco's regime is democratic in comparison with Tito's. More regard for future and less reminiscences in past would allow Atlantic community to pursue more effective policy. Conservative LA METROPOLE prints on front page letter from reader quoting from Lord Templewood's memoires stressing that between 1940-45 Franco repeatedly refused to join Axis in war.

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